(*c*) whether Messrs. Harrisons and Crosfield are purchasers of timber from the Quilon Divisional Forest Officer;

(*d*) whether the said lorry is used for transporting fire-wood from the forest areas under his jurisdiction; and

(*e*) whether the Divisional Forest Officer is negotiating for the purchase of more lorries from Messrs. Stanes & Co, and other firms?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) No.

(*b*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

(*c*) Yes; they are purchasers of Government timber.

(*d*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*) above.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

Value of Motor Vehicles and accessories imported and petrol consumed.

200. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to state the value of motor vehicles and their accessories imported into, and the value of petrol consumed in, Travancore from the 1st Chingom to the 1st Dhanu of the current year (1105)?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The value of motor vehicles and accessories imported into Travancore is Bh. Rs. 3,37,051. No information is available regarding the value of petrol consumed during the period. The value of petrol imported during the period is Bh. Rs. 5,54,144.

Filling up of permanent vacancies of Magistrates.

201. **MR. V. S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Tiruvalla*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list showing the permanent vacancies of Magistrates which are not yet (18-5-1105) permanently filled up as well as the duration of each of them?

(2) Will they be pleased to state the reasons for not filling these permanent vacancies permanently?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (1) The list* required by the member is laid on the table.

(2) Magistrates have been appointed in all these vacancies. The question of filling up the vacancies permanently is under consideration.

Statement of Munsiffs recruited from the Bar.

202. **MR. R. RAMAN PILLAI** (*Kottayam*): Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement, by caste, of the Munsiffs recruited from the Bar during the five years ending Vrischikam 1105?

MR. T. K. MADHAVAN NAYAR (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): A statement † containing the information called for is laid on the table.

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[Mr. Muruvelil Pachu Pillai.]

(*c*) if it is not compulsory that for promotion as Assistant Excise Commissioners, Excise Inspectors should be graduates, whether graduates have ever been appointed as Assistant Excise Commissioners in disregard of the claims of such persons; and

(*d*) if so, the reason for the same?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*ig. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There is no rule or order of Government making it compulsory that Excise Inspectors should be graduates if they are to be promoted as Assistant Excise Commissioners. But, in practice, Inspectors who are graduates have alone been appointed as Assistant Excise Commissioners for some time past.

(*b*) In view of the first portion of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

(*c*) There are several instances in which graduate Inspectors were promoted over the heads of others having no such educational qualifications.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), the question does not arise.

Appendix XVIII.

Vide Answer to Question No. 201

List showing the permanent vacancies of Magistrates on the 18th Dhanu 1105 and the duration of each of them.

	Designation	No. of vacancies	Duration.
1	Division Assistant and First Class Magistrate (First Grade).	1	From the 1st Tulam 1105.
2	Do. Do. (Second Grade).	1	From the 27th Medom 1104.
3	Tahsildar and Second Class Magistrate.	1	From the 21st Dhanu 1104.
4	Stationary Second Class Magistrate.	1	From the 16th Kanni 1104.

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